war disabled and attributable peace-time casualties. A stipend of Rs. 400/- per month is paid to each eligible ward. Financial assistance for construction of houses and marriage of daughters is given to war widows, war disabled and attributable peace-time casualties by State Governments and the Kendriya Sainik Board.

Ex-servicemen and their widows, who are in penury, are given financial assistance by the Kendriya Sainik Board, the Defence Minister's Appellate Committee and the Rajya Sainik Boards through their welfare funds. Grants are also given for special medical treatment. The Kendirya Sainik Board also gives grants to paraplegic homes, Cheshire Homes and other charitable institutions to cater for expenditure incurred on ex-servicemen inmates.

E.T.V. programmes on Doordarshan

1374 CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan telecasts some programmes on Channel-I from 9.00 a.m. onwards under the caption "E T V in Telugu and E T V. in Hindi, ETV in Marathi and E T V in Gujarathi,

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and to which listeners are they meant;

(c) whether the said programmes could be viewed from Delhi Centre; and

(d) if not, from which T V Centres they could be viewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) (a) to (d) The Educational TV (ETV) programmes are in the nature of non-formal education aimed at primary school children and also for the guidance/training of primary school teachers The duration of the programme, in each language, is 45 minutes The programmes are telecast via ARABSAT/ STATIONAR in Telugu and Marathi from Hyderabad Kendra in Andhra Pradesh and Bombay Kendra in Maharashtra respectively.

The programmes in Oriya for Orissa, Gujarati for Gujarat and Hindi (meant for the three district clusters of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar) are relayed by all TV Relay transmitters in the respective States and Hindi speaking States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryara, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, via INSAT-ID. These programmes are telecast between 0900 Hours and 1245 Hours every day, on time sharing mode from all High Power/Low Power transmitters in the respective State and are not viewed in Delhi.

Non payment of salaries to employees of National Council for safety in mines, Dhanbad

1375. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of the National Council for Safety in Mines, Dhanbad (Bihar) have not got their salaries for the past four months;

(b) whether the Labour Ministry is responsible for providing remuneration to the staff of National Council for Safety in Mines Dhanbad,

(c) whether it is also a fact that as against its annual expenditure of about Rs 25 lakhs, the National Council for Safety in Mines is getting a paltry sum of Rs 5 lakhs only from Government;

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to ensure regular payment of salaries to the staff of National Council for Safety in Mines and also to pay them their unpaid salaries;

(e) whether an expert committee set up in 1985 by the Central Government recommended strengthening of the National Council for Safety in Mine's network through expansion; and

(f) if so, whether Government had accepted the said recommendations, if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN) (a) to (f) It is true that due to financial constraints the National Council for Safety in Mines (NCSM) Dhanbad, has defaulted in making payment of salaries to the staff The Council is not a Central Government Department but a registered society, and as such, the Government is not responsible for payment of salaries to the staff of NCSM The Council has been facing financial difficulties for some years An expert group set up in the year 1985 had made some recommendations which were considered and the Government favoured winding up the Council It was felt that the activities for promotion of safety in the organised sector be handled by the management of the mines concerned, while the Directorate General of Mines Safety could take up the activities for the unorganised sector in the mines Several representations have, however, been received by the Government against the winding up of the Council and the matter is under review

Licences|letters of Intent granted to M|s Prakash Industries Ltd , New Delhi

1376. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Prakash Industries Ltd. and its associated companies, New Delhi have been granted letter of Intent/Industrial Licences for establishment of Steel Mill in Madhya Pradesh and Steel Coil Plant in Haryana;

(b) if so, the details of such Industrial licences/Letter of Intents issued to them,

(c) what are the names and addresses of the Associate persons who are having majority stake in the shares, individually, with percentage of share holding incorporated in the Letter of Intent/Industrial Licences applications; and

(d) what is the percentage of financial stake of the financial institutions like IDBI, IFCI, ICCI and others incorporated in the letter of intent/Industrial Licences applications and after-wards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA)· (a) and (b) M|s. Prakash Industries Limited have not been granted any Letter of Intent/Industrial Licence for establishment of Steel Mill in Madhya Pradesh. However, one M/s Prakash Tubes Limited have been granted a Letter of intent on 19-4-90 for manufacture of 10,000 tonnes per annum of Cold Rolled Steel Strips/Sheets at district Rohtak (Haryana).

(c) Such specific information is not required to be furnished in the Industrial Licence applications

(d) According to the Industrial Licence application of M/s Prakash Tubes Limited, a loan of Rs 5 5 crores was envisaged to be raised from the financial institutions

Reconstitution of National Committee for Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Centenary Celebration

1377 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the National Committee for the Centenary Celebration of Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar has been reconstituted; and

(b) if so, the names of the new members and their respective party affiliation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN) (a) Yes

(b) Copy of the Resolution No 1/90-Cent Cell (Amendment) dated 19th December, 1990, indicating the reconstitution of the Committee is enclosed (*See* below) The new Members have been nominated in their official capacities only